P.L.O. to expedite the peace process in West Asia; and

(b) whether the Government of India propose to take any new initiative in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) No agreement has yet been reached for the convening of the International Peace Conference on the Middle East. Efforts to bring this about are being made.

(b) Government are assisting in and supporting these efforts. There is no proposal for any new initiative by India.

Non-Payment of UGC Pay-Scales in some Colleges in Delhi

*191. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission scales of pay approved by his Ministry and the Merit Promotion Scheme, are not being followed in Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbia College and a few other colleges in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when both the schemes are likely to be fully made applicable to the colleges referred to above ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the UGC, University of Delhi, Dehli Administration and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the position in regard to the implementation of the revised pay scales of tachers of Colleges in Dehli is as follows:

(i) 61 Colleges, including the Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbia College, have implemented the Scheme of revision of pay scales of teachers University and Colleges and other measures for maintenance of standards in higher education as circulated by this Ministry dated 17.6.87 and modified on 22.7.88.

(ii) The teachers of 4 technical institutions, 3 medical colleges and 1 Nursing College have been given scales of pay recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission.

The Government of India has announced the revision of pay scales of teachers in Technical Institutions on 28.2.89 which is applicable to teachers of Colleges of Technical Education in Delhi. The scheme of revision of pay scales of teachers of Universities and Colleges and the scheme for revision of pay scales of teachers of technical institutions provide that the teachers may opt for the Merit Promotion Scheme, 1983 wherever it was in operation and avail of the replacement pay scales recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission instead of the revised pay scales.

Vayudoot stations in the country

*192 SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI P.K. KUNJACHEN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Vayudoot stations in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot is not touching most of its stations; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?